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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
JUNICHI KITANO, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW DIVISIONAL APPLN. :  
(Based on 09/772,923)  
FILED: HERewith :  
FOR: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING :  
APPARATUS AND SUBSTRATE  
PROCESSING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.